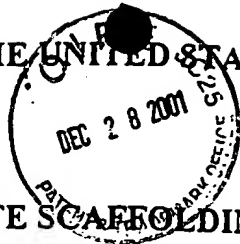


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COMPOSITE SCAFFOLDING PLANK AND METHOD OF FORMING SAME

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This application is a continuation-in-part and claims the benefit of U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application Number 09/739,799 filed by Honein on October 30, 1996, which itself claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Number 60/005,774 filed by Honein on October 31, 1995.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of Invention. This invention relates to a scaffolding plank. More specifically, it is directed to an improved, low cost wide composite scaffolding plank formed by pinning and anchoring narrow wooden boards in side by side abutment and a method for accomplishing same. The strength of a wooden plank may be improved by cutting the plank longitudinally, alternating the wood grains of the plank sections and pinning the plank sections together as described above.

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Related Art. Prior to this invention, two types of scaffolding planks existed in the prior art: the solid single board plank and the laminated plank. The solid single board plank comprises one wide wooden board. The laminated plank is constructed from multiple layers of wooden strips glued together. Each of the two types of prior art scaffolding planks have disadvantages.

Due to the limited resources of old growth forests and the harvesting schemes for new growth timber, the yield of wooden boards wide enough from which to construct a

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